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Trade sentiment was firm in the West, at least steady in the East, and steady with some caution in the Midwest. Retail demand was moderate at best with few features, and food service was fair to good with strongest interest into fast food. Continuous rain and cooler temperatures in the Northeast and Midwest restricted buying activity. In the East, heavier weight product was well cleared and smaller sizes were more available; however, in other locations, larger sizes were fully sufficient and lighter weights were in balance. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear. Wings were adequate to ample, but dark meat was balanced and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable, but at times slightly heavier.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 65.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.75 cents last year on June 5, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.00
BREASTS - B/S	181.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50
LEG QUARTERS	25.50
WINGS	73.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair, food service light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights slightly more available. In the parts structure, supplies of breast items increased and were at times being discounted to help clear. Wings were at least adequate with limited interest, but dark meat was in the best position and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings were adequate to balanced for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair as scattered showers and cool weather lingered throughout the Northeast. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available at discounted levels. The remainder of items were sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were fully sufficient on heavy sizes and in balance on smaller birds. Buyer interest was light to moderate and price sensitive. Persistent cool, damp weather patterns continue over much of the area, dampening consumer traffic. Retail and food service demand was generally light to fair at best, occasionally fairly good into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were mixed and trending heavy. Offerings of boneless/skinless breasts were plentiful and discounted to stimulate interest, tenders tight and moderate on remaining items. The market tone was steady overall, undertone weak on breast parts.

WESTERN The market tone was firm with early trading for next week at mainly 1 cent higher prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 05/31/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	209,870	212,345	-01
CHICKS PLACED	169,170	172,385	-02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 31, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 31, 2003 were 3.68 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 161.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.29 CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 03, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 04, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	655	147.00-255.00	155-157	158.25
TENDERLOINS	280	150.00-211.00	150-155	160.32
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	94.00-107.00	94-97	96.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	21.00-23.50	22	21.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	23.00-28.00	25	25.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	69.00-74.50	-	73.57
WINGS (CUT)	400	82.00-85.00	82-83	83.61
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	64.50-80.00	-	69.67

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE
51.50 - 54.75 52.97

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	758	155.00-255.00	155-158	157.96
TENDERLOINS	239	150.00-211.00	150-155	159.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	94.00-100.00	95-97	96.32
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	104	25.00-40.00	29-31	30.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	648	21.00-24.00	22	22.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,010	23.00-26.00	25-26	24.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	67.00-76.00	-	74.39
WINGS (CUT)	473	83.00-85.00	-	83.85
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 54.50 53.08 53.32

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers adopted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of breast items were readily available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement remained light as cool weather and rain showers lingered throughout the Northeast. The market tone was weak on breast items and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JUNE 03, 2003

JUNE 04, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	170.92	610,230
TENDERLOINS	155-160	159.89	132,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	98.90	251,660
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	94.40	99,600
LEGS	34-35	33.73	283,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	25.14	549,813
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	32.08	149,480
THIGHS	27-28	33.95	115,580
B/S THIGHS	67-68	70.80	108,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	72.30	200,630
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	28,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.10	12,770
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.08	23,670

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	169.17	446,340
TENDERLOINS	155-160	158.25	129,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	99.02	165,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	95.38	82,600
LEGS	34-35	35.93	293,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	26.20	317,757
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	32.25	137,840
THIGHS	27-28	36.01	58,840
B/S THIGHS	68-69	71.00	71,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	74.81	145,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	46,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.60	7,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.73	24,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	06/04	06/03	06/02	05/30	06/02	05/30	05/28	05/26
ALA	3,853	4,016	3,981	4,101	5.31	5.17	3,956	(A)
ARK	5,197	5,217	5,147	5,954	5.13	4.95	5,217	(A)
DELMARVA	2,457	2,441	2,289	2,294	5.30	5.12	2,406	(A)
KY-LA-TN	1,975	1,920	1,957	1,898	4.96	4.80	2,002	(A)
MISS	2,922	2,868	2,758	3,059	5.47	5.38	3,009	(A)
NC	2,645	2,618	2,594	2,659	6.28	6.21	2,612	(A)
TEXAS	2,474	2,475	2,457	2,516	4.91	4.84	2,421	(A)
TOTAL	21,523	21,555	21,183	22,544	5.33	5.19	21,623	5.00
MON-WED 64,588 (B)					51,944 (B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jun 03 and is estimated to be 32,201,000 down 0.76 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,447,000; last year 32,254,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	88-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	97-99
	DRY PACK	104-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-JUN-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/07/03 (1)	05/31/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,426 (2)	146,972
LT HENS	1,590	2,031
HVY HENS	1,516	1,328
CHECK TOTAL	164,532	150,331

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Jun-03 is 159.0 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 2.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Jun-03 the estimated available is 161.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/02/03	219,295	43,194
AM 05/01/03	190,005	62,870
CHG	29,290	-19,676
PCT CHG	15	-31

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	6/02/03	5/26/03	6/03/02	6/02/03	5/26/03	6/03/02
PACIFIC COAST	15,812	11,385	24,350	6,548	6,829	4,470
LOS ANGELES	148	147	349	3,114	3,173	2,991

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG				FOR 6/03/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.50	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	8.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	5.50	6.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	7.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.55	.48	BROILERS ea.	2.00	2.25	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	9.00	9.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	1.55	1.13	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	12.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	7.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.40	.57	DUCKS ea.	-	14.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.50	1.92	RABBITS ea.	2.75	6.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	13.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.25	2.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.85	2.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	13.00	23.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	7.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 205

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 30, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Back &Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	65.92	145.02	96.68	21.97	21.97	48.34
High	70.31	153.81	105.47	26.37	26.37	48.34
Mostly	68.12	149.41	105.47	21.97	21.97	48.34
SAN JUAN						
Low	78.22	140.63	87.89	26.37	13.18	61.52
High	83.50	149.41	92.29	30.76	19.78	61.52
Mostly	78.22	145.02	92.29	28.56	17.58	61.52
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	65.92	145.02	96.68	21.97	21.97	46.14
High	70.31	153.81	105.47	26.37	26.37	46.14
Mostly	68.12	145.02	96.68	26.37	21.97	46.14
BECERRA						
Low	76.90	140.63	96.68	26.37	15.38	65.92
High	83.50	145.02	109.86	32.96	19.78	65.92
Mostly	79.10	145.02	101.07	30.76	19.78	65.92

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Offerings of 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes were well cleared to short of immediate needs. 2.5 and 3.0 pound sizes were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 58 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Boneless/skinless breast were fully adequate. Bone-in breasts were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Leg quarters continued to clear satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
	55-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.19
NO. OF BOXES	8,858

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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